

MEETING MINUTES
COLUMBIA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, July 19th, 2016 @ 5:30pm
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mtg called to order at 5:43

In attendance: Mark Walter (Town Administrator), Carole Williamson, Andrea Drabicki, Bryan Tarbell

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved minutes will be provided to Kim and Gail at the town.

3. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Corryn and Graeme Tarbell

4. OLD BUSINESS

1. Road Survey Assessment; A DOT pilot program providing “community connectivity and road survey assessment”. This is a free program administered through AECOM that reviews road safety and connectivity for select roads. An application was previously submitted on behalf of the Town by Andrea Drabicki for the Route 87 corridor between Andover and Lebanon. Andrea will follow up with Paula Stahl (Town Planner) on status of the completed application. A Second application was submitted for a section of Route 66 in Columbia, however, the primary application is along Route 87.
2. EAC updates on Town website; Bryan and others to review and update as necessary.
3. Columbia Municipal Solar Scorecard; Columbia has ranked No. 10 out of 169 Connecticut towns according to the Scorecard. Great job Columbia. The scorecard can be found at www.ctsolarscoreboard.com. Bryan will forward scorecard to Mark and members of EAC.
4. ‘Energize Me’ event (No EAC members attended, group will look into future events). Bright Ideas points (and grant monies) for participation is possible. Additional information can be found at the following web address: www.energizect.com/energize-me

5. NEW BUSINESS

- Forward Mark login info to Town Energy website
- Bright Ideas Liason – Lookup contact details to inquire about remaining light bulbs available to Columbia.
- Patracia Young from Salmon River Watershed Partnership has indicated she will attend the Columbia Market hosted by Columbia Rec Department. Bryan to follow up with Pat. Carole W. to fill out a form for Columbia Market EAC participation.
- Magazine “Events” was discussed with Mark. The magazine could offer an excellent avenue for resident outreach; Bryan and others will follow up on possible advertising contributors to help support magazine.
- Monarch Proclamation – Great job to EAC’s Carol Coley for organizing the Pollinator Awareness event held on the Town Green. The event was covered by the Hartford Courant Regional section ‘Reminder News’. Columbia now has an approved proclamation by the Columbia BOS which raises awareness to the importance of pollinators and their preservation within our community. EAC will continue to work with the Town to further our commitment for our pollinators.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mtg Adjourned at 6:47